

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 9078 Agenda Number 87.

Meeting Date: 8/18/2011 Department: Planning and Development Review

Subject

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending Section 25-12-133, Article 5 of the City Code (Mechanical Code) amending certain local amendments. (Suggested date and time: September 22, 2011, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX.)

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	October 1, 2010 - Council adopted the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code and local amendments.
For More Information:	Dan McNabb, 974-2752; Rick Holloway, 974-2358; Leon Barba 974-7254
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Mechanical, Plumbing and Solar Board.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Uniform Mechanical Code provides a national standard for mechanical construction for commercial structures. The proposed ordinance amends Section 308 of the local amendments under Section 25-12-133, to create consistency with the Electrical Code.

Highlights for the draft ordinance are as follows

- Equipment requiring electrical connections greater than 50-volt (rooftop air units, exhaust fans)
- Requires a factory supplied disconnect within sight of unit (25 feet if greater than 120-volts).
- Receptacle on same level as equipment for safety purposes.
- Will create consistency with the electrical code.

These changes in the Local Amendments have no impact on housing affordability.